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EVENTS IN NIKOLAEVSK ON THE AMUR

From Nikolaevsk on the Amur to Moscow, Omsk, Irkutsk, Chita, Blagovetshensk, Yakutsk Okhotsk, Kerby, Alexandrovsk on Sakhalin, Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Petropavlovsk on Kamchatka to all, all, all.

The Red Army headquarters of the Nikolaevsk District while informing all comrades about the bloody events in connection with the actions of the Japanese in the town of Nikolaevsk on the Amur, gives the following detailed summary of the events which makes clear without a shadow of doubt the whole perfidy and felony of the treacherous attack against the Soviet Red Army after a conclusion of peace with them. From the very beginning of the siege of Nikolaevsk by the Red Army and after the capture of the fortress Chnyrakh, which took place in the early days of February, the Japanese took part in the fighting against the Reds, acting even as the main participants in it, and directed the white guards that were under their complete control. The siege lasted almost the whole month and in the course of it the Red Army headquarters made proposals of peace to the white guard--Japanese troops three times. The Headquarters pointed out to them that the Red Army was in a position to take the town in 1-2 days, as it was in possession of the fortress-Chnyrakh with its long-range guns, but that it was unwilling to subject the town to bombardment and destruction, and expose the inhabitants to danger, and suggested therefore that the town should be surrendered without fighting.

There was no reply to our first proposal of peace on the part of the Japanese; and Sorokin, bearer of a flag of truce, who was sent out to them, was killed. The second proposal of peace negotiations was made to the Japanese through three bearers of a flag of truce, two Chinese and a Russian, comrade Orlow. Instead of replying the Japanese again killed comr. Orlow, our bearer of a flag of truce, having put him to the most brutal torture, which was established by the international commission of inquiry after we had captured the town, which found Orlov's body and discovered marks of a terrible torture on it. The third proposal was made by us only after the Japanese handed to us the declaration of general Shiramidzu, commander-in-chief of the Japanese troops in the Far East, which contained an announcement about the intentions of the Japanese to maintain neutrality in the future. The proposal was sent together with the request to illucidate certain items in the declaration, which contradicted one another and were inconsistent with the idea of neutrality. We made a statement to the effect that in case they should show stubbornness we would be obliged to bombard the town. Again there was no reply, and only when we started bombarding the town, which lasted a day, did the Japanese send a bearer of a flag of truce, a Russian old peasant. The Japanese took him by force declaring: "You will have to die, all the same", evidently they believed that we, as well as they, would brutally kill the bearers of the flag of truce. There was no written proposal on the part of the Japanese, and it was only orally that the messenger said that they were willing to start peace negotiations. The headquarters handed over their reply to the messenger, in which their consent to the opening of negotiations of peace with the Japanese was expressed, and immediately stopped military operations,

suggesting to the Japanese that they should send representatives to conduct negotiations. The Japanese did so, and the negotiations started on February 24.

On the basis of general Shiramidzu's deplaration a proposal was made to the Japanese that they should stop all military operations against the Soviet Red Army in Siberia and conclude peace with us.

One of the conditions for the conclusion of peace was the suggested disarmament of the White-guard detachment of Nikolaevsk, and the last clause called for the implementation of all treaty conditions, the handing over of all guards to our troops and the taking over of quarters that would be indicated to them. The conditions of peace were accepted by the Japanese and signed by the representatives of Japanese command, the white guard, the municipality and the Army.

On February 28, the town was occupied without fighting; having been informed that friendly relations were established between the Soviet and the Japanese troops, we granted the Japanese the right to mount guard within the disposition of their troops and offices, thus complying with their request to that effect, and excusing them from carrying out the last stipulation of the treaty. Armed Japanese walked freely about the town. The relations seemed to be most friendly. All the requests on the part of the Japanese about some privileges in the matter of the delivery of food stuffs to them and so on were promptly and willingly complied with by us; the Japanese were also very courteous and assured us of their sincere friendship. Their officers frequently called on us at the headquarters and both business and friendly private talks were conducted on such occasions; the officers declared themselves in sympathy with the Soviet power, called themselves bolsheviks, wore red insignia, promised to help the Red Army with their strength and armament and everything in their power; but later on, it all proved to be a disguise to conceal the treachery that was being prepared.

On the face everything went on all right. Two weeks had passed since the occupation of the town and lasting peace and order seemed to be established. Life became a normal, everyday routine. A provisional Executive Committee was formed. A town council was elected. On March 12 the regional congress of the Soviet was to be held, after the opening of which the solemn burial of the white terror victims was to take place; among the latter were those who died the death of martyrs at the hands of the Japanese; our bearers of the flag of truce, comr. Orlov and the others. All the Soviet organizations, the population and the Red Army were preparing for those two solemn occasions. After a hectic day's work all went to sleep. The military units rested quietly in the barracks allotted to them, having received the order to report in the morning at indicated quarters to take part in the funeral ceremony. As usual the Japanese occupied the posts not only near the headquarters but at all houses where the Japanese were living. The Japanese patrols relieving the guards, freely walked about the town, and

our sentries didn't stop them. It appeared that the treaty of peace was observed by them as strictly as it was observed by us, but the Japanese were preparing to stab us treacherously in the back.

After having concluded peace with us and frequently made declarations as to the friendly feelings towards us the Japanese insidiously and cunningly attacked the Red Army. All of a sudden at 3 o'clock in the morning large Japanese units appeared before the building of the Red Army headquarters, before the public hall where one of the regiments was billeted, before the house, where artillery was placed near the disposition of a skiers' detachment on the cathedral square, as well as around all Soviet organizations and regimental headquarters. The main forces of the Japanese were concentrated near the headquarters. The attack was launched quite unexpectedly. The guards were killed. The building of the headquarters happened to be surrounded by a triple chain and the Japanese opened hurricane gun and rifle fire upon it and started throwing incendiary bombs which set the whole building of the headquarters on fire. It was only a miracle that the members of the staff, under a heavy fire, managed to escape from the burning house. At the same time other buildings within the disposition of the units were being fired upon and set on fire. The fiendish plan of the Japanese became clearer. The whole command was supposed to be destroyed with a sudden blow, and the bewildered and confused Red Army rank and file could be easily done away with after that. At the first moment this plan seemed to be successful but the Japanese had not reckened with the high morale and valour that were uppermost in the Red Army of Workers and Peasants.

As soon as the first shots were heard guerrilla fighters rushed to the scene from everywhere; putting on their clothes they didn't ask what the strength of the enemy was, they only wondered where the enemy was.

Each crossing was transformed into a trench, occupied by a few guerrilla fighters who, without liaison, without a general command, singly, on their own initiative began running and attacking the energy. Little by little separate groups joined each other. Whole districts united under one command, and towards noon it became obvious to the Japanese that their plan had failed. They began surrendering one point after another. They tried to concentrate, but met with resistance everywhere. Each street was taken by us in heavy fighting. The main Japanese forces were concentrated in their consulate, barracks and garrisons near the Public Hall building; in addition separate groups occupied positions in all the houses where the Japanese lived. All Japanese civilian population took part in the attack with arms in their hands, evidently aware of the baseness of their treacherous attack, without expecting any mercy for it. The Japanese put up a stiff resistance for two days. On the 12th and 13th fierce fighting was going on and the most important fortifications of the Japanese were taken one by one.

On the 14th the last groups of the Japanese who had taken their stand in private houses, were destroyed.

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By the evening of March 14 everything was suppressed, except a Japanese detachment in a stone barracks.

At that time an order was received from Khabarovsk from General Yamada to the commander of the Japanese detachment to immediately cease military operations against the Soviettroops and conclude truce.

The order, transmitted by telegraph in the Japanese and English languages, was promptly sent by us to the Japanese together with their interpreter, who was our prisoner and who brought the reply, in which their consent to stop military operations and to lay down arms was expressed.

On March 15 at 12 the Japanese who were in the barracks, hoisted a white flag, delivered the arms to us and were received by us, 130 in number, and are being kept as prisoners of war.

Thus the action has been suppressed. The losses suffered by the Japanese, due to their stubborn resistance, are very great. Those who were armed were almost all annihilated.

Our losses: 50 men killed and over 100 wounded. Our best and selfless comrades perished, and due to their staunchness and heroism the Red Army was saved from a rout.

The Red Army headquarters of the Nikolaevsk district informs everybody about the Japanese action in Nikolaevsk and, expressing its profound indignation at the treachery, it urges the Russian and foreign workers to lodge a protest against the perfidious, cunning actions of the Japanese command in the Far East, who contrary to general Shiramidzu declaration about neutrality and contrary to the treaty concluded with us, attacked us unexpectedly, being fully aware that we would not violate the treaty and would not allow an attack to take place. We ask all the towns to advise us upon receiving this information what the reaction of the population and of the Japanese themselves was to the fact of another bloody crime, committed by the command of the Japanese troops of intervention in Siberia.

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3 使き、者へ總テノ者へ、ニョラエラスク」管区赤軍司令部八 徳「ハバーロッスク」勘察加でトロパウロフスク、鬼、親テ、者へ 4多、武市、 *各位三通知元ト共二た:コ,事件,詳報経事件前, 里龍江上「ニュテンスク」"起义文日本側攻撃三元流血事件ニツ 里能江上「コラエフスク」ヨリ「モスクワ」「オムスク」「イルクーツク」 事情を得へれてデアルン 里龍江上「ニコラエフスク」ニボケル事件 ヤクリトスクレ 「オホトスク」「ケルビ」西港浦沙斯

聞ノ主ナル参加者チアワクシ、又完全日本側に服シテ居夕自衛 全貌が判明スルモノデアル。赤軍が尼港ラ包囲シタ始メ ラ和平人提議すらラデアリタ、即4司令都トレテ八先方は ツタ、其間赤軍司令、部八三同三旦り的衛軍及日本軍三対シ軍ョ指導、二子居タノデアッタ、右包囲休能八谷ンド「ヶ月三豆 八赤軍三交杭,戰鬪三参加之子居多学下以文而元日本人、戰 ガランンテニ月ノ初起ッタ「チヌイラフ」要塞占領ノ後日本側 人夕裏切り的攻擊了明力二指信的二二テ不都合すりシュ上ノ 占領ストコトガ出来ルデアルケントを都市ラ砲撃破壊スル 塞ョ其手に収メテ居ルノデアルカラー両日中に尼港ノ市ョ 于赤軍八長距離砲擊用要塞砲ョ有スル「チュイラフ」要 ナイカラ戦闘セズンテーテ引渡スヤウ提議シタノデアウラ ョ欲しナイン又和平,民ランテ危険ラ蒙ランムルコトラ欲し 秋方最初提議六日本側ョリノ回答ナク其侵トナり、派遣 右三日本側が我方上和平締結後火側亦軍二対シア

3 不心提議八尼港,日本人側一对心軍使三名即支那人一名及 問ョナンタル上又々之ョ殺害シタノデアリタ、コノコトハ我方ノ尼港 多軍使「ソローキン」八段害サレタ、第二国日ノ和平交渉、関 同答う與へび却予我方」軍使「オルラ」:対心残忍た拷 ロシア人「オルロフ」一名、ト共二之ラ送ッタノデアワタが日本側小之 ,市ら便後、國際調查委員會がオピア」,屍体习發見 捏議八成方司前記聲明,中二中之上了銀念上相容 ラミズ中的、聲明、即日本側、丹末中立ラ維持スル考へ 也多、予アツ名第三回目、提議八在極東日本軍司令官己 =傳へ夕後三於予孩方言之可送りタグデアリタ、ソンチョノ デアルイウ言明ョ内容ととテ居ル聲明ョ日本側カラ我方 シンムをルベキ拷問ノ行か夕形跡ョ発見スルコトニョッテ認定 して相至三矛盾ンテ居上條項数個二対し予説明ヲ與へ予 唯口頭デ使とり者が日本側が我方下和平交後の始くろ下へ 吾が砲撃习開始してい終日續行せらデアルが其時 ロウトラ言明ラシタデアッタ、回答が又来ナカフタ、ソレテ漸ケ 依然頑張い場合いずの砲撃ス少でムラ得かいころだデア 欲らイトイウ希望ト共二之习送付シュノデアッタ、吾々い先方が ニナリテ 日本側、軍使トレテ一名ノワンア人,老人農夫ラ 送いテ末ターデアワラ。日本人側、無理ニコノ農夫ョ柳へ タラシイノデアル、日本側ララハ文書に依い提議ハナカッタ 吾之之日本人上目標残忍二軍使ラ殺害スルデアロウト見下居 ウコレラ傳へタンとデアッタ、司令部、使上者:対シロ本側 テリオ前ハドチミチ死メノダリトイウタトノコトデアル、察元ニ

Doc 3/54 教)ラ派造して東京学交演八二月三面日開始サレタ 提議スル回答の手支シタデアリスの日本側八代表者(複 行為了中止之支添了行了多人表者可派遣ス、き日 ト和平支法多問始又ル二同意多表スルト共二直一歌關 和平子綿能スペキコトラ提議シタ ルソウエト赤軍一三抵抗工ル軍事行動ラ停止と音之ト 日本側は対シテハアンラシス格写了一層明心基中西伯利ラア

解除スペキ旨,提議す合き、ソンテ最後,條項の 協定條件食部ラ履行不正日本側八秋方軍隊三六 軍代表者之二署名之分了产了少多、 造物・入ルベキョトニツィテノ程議でアソタ。 シテ有又心監視所可引渡之日本側:示世夕建 代表的衛軍代表,市自治機関代表者及 和平條件八日本側之多受諾之以上予日本軍 和平師然人條件八尼港自衛軍部隊五武裝

そ六吾を了日本倒二村之之方,申出通り被 務遂行権力與ヘテアツタ 等,軍隊及役所二存立己三居儿監視所,任 関係が成立ンタトイウ通報:接上于居タコトニ鍋 久然とソウィエト軍一隊トロを軍隊上間:親善 後りテ以テ協定,最後,除件,履行习免者近往非,此二丁リン 市八春々で依り二月二十八日歌園ナンデ与領サレ

除心干下的夕。日本人八武裝人侵市內可自 由二歩行しき居り

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Doc 3154 優行して居夕し日本人側で同様娘儿親アツタ時八總テ吾々二於テ喜ンデ又即時之ラ 等ニョリテ何等力特点が欲しイトノ中出が 切十八點度习探り誠意親善ラアルト言 相互関係八極人于親善的产了少人流足文 明シテ居タノデアツタ、 日本人倒ョリソノ食料品其此入多上彼

No 梅シテ赤色リポンラ帯じ兵力及武器其他同情ョロョン、自分ラ「ポリンエヴィキ」ナット話を行り夕、将校連ハソウィエト政権へノスンド事務上,會談,外親善的十談次等,特校連八慶及我方司令部"出 援 彼等がけら得い有元モノテ以テ赤軍 和ト平静が成立り夕福デアックの 9. メノモノニ過やナカツタコトが解いタノ アアル、表面上は万事息切がアウタ、 面がアリテ、実八彼等が準備シツ 生治八朝道二季八臨時執行委員會八組織 市占領後二週間与経過しテソレテ確実十平 然ル=芸後=ナリラ右八年ナル ワタ裏切り行為ヲ隱蔽センか為 助スペキコトラ給意ンタノデアウ

せ、市會八選撃セラレ三月十二日ニハ州ソウィエト大會

Doc 31 5 禮す行フコトンナッテ居り有スルソウィエト機關軍使プルロフ」其他ラ合文テンと、對スル盛大大大葬 後生者其内八日本側,生成り苦シメラレデ死が 指足、場所の出頭スハギ目命命ラ受を子各自 就多軍隊八群禮列一参加不少多次朝 平和,住民及赤軍八右二少,催之一對之三連備 集會所,前砲兵隊,駐也之子居了家前,家屋,前聯隊,中,少か入少子居了一般上之日本便,相當,部隊か赤軍司令部、赤軍二攻擊,和當,部隊か赤軍司令部善殿情,這明之了後,於子校婿,又背信的 開催ノコト二種定セラし、其一開催後白色テロル 失八自由二市内ラゲンデ居了我了一番失八之ラ ランで居夕解教了日中、仕事ラ経へ下皆眠 受持以子居夕監視所了交代不以日本側監視 居住シテ居り名下總テノ家屋、監視所え 通 日本側八我方上結一分和平人後又一再十一大親 一日タノデヤッタ ラルルマウニ思ハレテ居タノデアツタが優人日本便 , 天警,中下静力二休产居夕日本側八從來 八首後了首信的打擊和了个準備之方 八我方かけいち日本側ララナ神聖、連与セ トメモンナカッタ即か日本側上結上が和平協定 り自分司令部一監視がノミナラス日本人が

315 現ハンナ水タ日本側ノ主カハ司令部附近三味郷ナノソウモ機關及聯族司令部ノ附近等 撃をうとを見かり日本側、悪魔的で計畫時、軍隊、駐化シテ居り他建物を同う他 中シテ居多襲撃八不竟行心タ 鏡,鏡火了開半八子燈夷爆彈了投少的之一對子口不側八衛,與機關鏡及射擊八般也會機關鏡及射擊八般也月司令部,建物八三重、包圍了人 司令都了了少司令都員八强大神火火人多人司令都一建物八四方了一路 關係者全部う無キモノモント企ナタノテアラハティ明白ノアンタ一国ノ子意打ナラ以下指揮 一松下撃滅スルコトへ容易デアフタテアロウ最サストハ目失之繁勢 押ンタ赤兵集團ラ其後 最初、銃撃上共・到心所引心とかかままただけ、千石ナインサインタ。 夕士氣及勇氣、高半勃與たモノラを廣シ が然シ日本側八勞農亦争攻二存在之后 ンゆう人彼等へ走りかう着衣シッツ一体敵 か此何程アルカト質オモセス單、敵八何所か ,瞬間ハコノ計畫が物デンタ様見の 一部隊,在在一下居心附近寺院廣場近三 監視 野工 ゲ始る

3 10十四個人人家屋收二日據心下在夕日本側一最 官之持夕人在自别之自分人發意不以下小走的 晝近八日本側ハンノ計畫か成功シナイト見る即、地域か一個、指揮ノ下二統合シタ斯子后の集團ハケン宛相互、解絡シタンシテ全 ケサンが居掘り彼等人財格をナク又英通行福福各十字路八聖壤上化少其所八数人宛人心 メタソンテ敵のと進撃シタノデアッタ散在シテ 等一領事館、兵管及集會所予心守備 う行ハントンの到此所反撃」遭必養人便等八一地矣一地矣上抛棄之始多集中 千我方、占領スル所上ナック日本側、主力人役 家、集中ンクソー外日本人、尼夕家屋全 街人福了劇烈心性質ラボンク歌闘ラン 都八後等人個人集團か防衛之子房 的攻撃,我感鬼无了十月自衛之之一對 台上激烈心戰勵が續行セラレソンテ次引かれい日本人八一問頑強、抵抗シタナ百十二年を教了と得してしい期待シテ居もつり様 ラレタノデアフタ 次へ上總了,重要九日本側接戻が奪取 後、集團が撃滅セラレタ 般日本在留民全部无统了午八八千攻擊

31 片附生でとう終ッタ ロシア語及日本語で打タレタ運教が依心今了中止シテ紹構を解結スへきらり命令が来タタリ日本都隊長宛道、反り軍戰闘行為了時八八一口アスクレリ日本軍司令官山田将軍 「居り日本人樂園一個丈ヶの残心他八全部三月十四,夕刻起」唯煉九建兵答三占據シ

共 日本侧送 戰鬪行動,傅止及武器引渡了十同首等表 セラレタ ,損害ハツノ頑張れ抵抗,タノ極ラ多大斯クノ如りシラ攻撃八片附ケシア日本側 獲り場が成器の引渡シの我方の引取うしえ 三月十一百正午土時兵營《在り》日本侧八白 シタル川答う持ヶ解ッタ デアリ武器ラ持ノテ居り者へ殆上全部野流 うるニー名デアリ俘虜とラヤををセラレデをはす 付セラレタノデアッタ右通響へ

才陰ラ以下本軍人破滅のり枚いりくかとう 《於九日本側攻擊了關之戶各方面八周知之 「コラエフスク」智色本軍司令部八以上尼港 悉二三一献身的精神,我方同志少戰死多我才,損害,死者五十名傷者百名余優 了人人人里忍心能度及英雄的行為人

3 教情關於是教教了上ランナーン又攻撃之下了 好情關於是教教者、提議又上了不日本軍側へ从 對言抗議又以外與了口之人勞働者及外外 極東、於九日本軍,背信的不信行為 了一在西伯利日本出安軍人新元流四的犯罪 通教アランフトラ希望スルモノデアル。 モンナーをカリソフをぬトンラ我方三攻撃ラかる 且背信行為了後夕深甚七情激了表明又上 事實到對子如何樣才能度出了方行 本ヨり作成シタモノヤアル 本寫八赤軍中央國家記錄部保存一係心原 リタルアンツキ国祭シソンテ住民及日本 ノデル、吾女人夫の一都市か本件情報了受取 一九四七年五月九日 (官印) 赤軍中央國家記錄部長生山木レフスキー ニコラエフスクな信心赤軍司令官ヤートリヤピーツイン 赤軍中央國家記録都子五公人、オア七 チャン大 エルユロー・五五「ナバト」新聞第三五號一九二〇年 三月三十日火曜日浦沙斯德要屋 一三頁 参謀長代理「ーナンーへごファキアンカ」 白身方

一九四大年大月三十七日 日本 東京 ~ 年極策中語の東京一でとしいい、 (Botto Ott)

の、一般一也三年三月三六月二於日華件」記事日の、一般一也二年三月三十日號等三五號福敷 宮長アイストリン八茲三浦河新館新聞十分、在東國際軍事教訓所所教館新聞十八人被三國際軍事教訓所解察部記録 宮長アイマケーシン、孩子前の新徳希問ナ 「里を見は上、コラエアスクンなけい着け」、記事し (ロンア大ニチニ校ラー成と)といる衛子有人が書類 - 智官最多以來力前記書養寒本保有中一 >解初本軍中央國家部發部了了一九四大年 大月十八日後取りりしをしたいコトラを明え